involved employees of the Cantonment Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) It is a fact that 208 encroatments in a compact area in Danapur Cantonment have been noticed against which notices under Public Premises (Eviction) Act 1971 have been issued by the Cantonment Board. Government have no information on the anti-social activities of the encroachers. No report has been brought to the notice of the Govt. regarding connivance of the Cantonment Board staff with the encroachers.

Grants in aid to Cantonment Board, Danapur

1947. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the amount of grants in aid given by the Ministry of Defence to the Cantonment Board, Danapur, Bihar during the period from January, 1990 to 15th November, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : Cantonment Board, Danapur (Bihar) was given Rs. 107.40 lakhs as ordinary Grants-in-aid and Rs. 14.86 lakhs as special Grants-in-aid during the period from January 1990 to 15th November, 1993.

Impact of scrapping of Cryogenic rocket deal with Russia

1948. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that consequent upon the scrapping of the cryogenic rocket engine deal, the defence purchases from Russia have been or are going to be whittled down ;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to reduce defence cooperation with Russia to a bare minimum ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the supply of spares and equipments from Russia, particularly for the air-force, despite repeated assurances from the Yeltsin administration and also the conclusion of a $ 680 million credit agreement late last year, has virtually come to a halt ; and

(d) if so, what are the details of steps that Government have taken to cope with such a predicament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Reports of ships carrying arms in Southern coast

1949. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports of the movement of ships carrying arms for terrorists on the southern coastlines ;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to provide necessary facilities to the Coast Guards and Customs Department to intercept the illegal transport of arms ; and

(c) whether the Coast Guards and Customs Department have modern speedboats to match with the arms smugglers' activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Joint intensive surveillance operations are launched by the Coast Guards and Customs formations which are equipped with modern speed boats to intercept arms smuggler's operations.

Firing on Pakistan border

1950. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistani troops opened unprovoked firing in several Indian pickets in Rajouri and Poonch districts on Jammu and Kashmir borders ;

(b) if so, whether the firings were to cover up the infiltrators who have been sneaking into India to create disorder ;

(c) what are the total firings by the Pakistani forces in all sectors in India during September and October, 1993 ; and

(d) what are the details of steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) Unprovoked firing by Pak troops in Poonch and Rajouri Sectors in Jammu & Kashmir is a regular occurrence. The likelihood of Pak troops firing to cover infiltration attempts cannot be ruled out. There have been 397 incidents of firing by Pakistani forces during September and October, 93 in all Sectors of the border. Our troops are fully prepared and alert to meet all eventualities.

Talks between Indo-US Navy group

1951. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indo-US Navy Executive Steering Group had held talks between the representatives of Indo-US Navy ;

(b) if so, what were the subjects discussed in the meeting ;

(c) what was the outcome of the talks held ;

(d) what is the extent to which both the countries have agreed to help each other in training as well as cooperation at Sea ; and

(e) what is the extent to which it will be helpful for our Naval development ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Discussions were held on different professional matters of mutual interest like joint naval exercise, training of personnel etc. The meeting has helped in understanding each other's operational philosophy. It will also help in improvement of goodwill and co-operation between the two Navies.

सांसदों से प्राप्त हुए पत्र

1952. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 की अवधि दौरान सांसदों द्वारा रक्षा मंत्रालय को कितने पत्र लिखे गये और उनका वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों की पावती भेजी गई;

(ग) कितने पत्रों के अन्तिम उत्तर भेजे गये, और

(घ) मंत्रालय द्वारा भेजे गए क्रमशः सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक उत्तर वाले अन्तिम पत्रों के पृथक-पृथक आंकड़े क्या हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) रक्षा मंत्रालय में सांसदों से प्राप्त हुए पत्रों का ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है :-

1.4.90 से 31.3.91	2485
1.4.91 से 31.3.92	2563
1.4.92 से 31.3.93	2938

(ख) सभी पत्रों की पावती भेजी गई थी।

(ग) कुल 7986 पत्रों में से 7869 पत्रों का अन्तिम उत्तर भेजा जा चुका है। शेष 117 पत्रों के उत्तर तैयार किये जा रहे हैं।

(घ) कुल 7869 अन्तिम उत्तरों में से 2074 सकारात्मक और 2465 नकारात्मक थे। शेष 3330 अन्तिम उत्तरों को न तो सकारात्मक और न ही नकारात्मक श्रेणी में रखा जा सकता है क्योंकि इनमें माननीय सांसदों को तथ्यात्मक सूचना और नियमों की विस्तृत जानकारी दी गई थी।

Fiscalation of firing incident on Indo-Pak border

1953. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an escalation in the incidents of firing from the Pakistani side of the Line of Control, both in the J & K sector and the